

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 104

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services and Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 104 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONSIDER AN ALTERNATE METHODOLOGY FOR ESTABLISHING THE BASIC PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM RATES FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, TO REBASE THE RATES AT LEAST EVERY TWO FISCAL YEARS, AND TO INCREASE BED RESERVATION DAYS TO TWENTY-FOUR DAYS PER CALENDAR YEAR FOR HOSPITALIZATION AND OTHER ABSENCES OF RESIDENTS FROM INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to:

- (1) Consider an alternate methodology for establishing the basic prospective payment system rates for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities;
- (2) Rebase the rates at least every two fiscal years; and
- (3) Increase maximum bed reservation days to twenty-four days per calendar year for hospitalization and other absences of residents from intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.



Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, The Arc in Hawaii, and fifty-one individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committees find that providers of services in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities are compensated by per diem payments under the Medicaid long-term care prospective payment system. The Department of Human Services has made it a practice in recent decades to perform a rebasing of the basic prospective payment system rate so that an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities provider does not have its basic prospective payment system rate calculated by reference to the same base year for more than eight fiscal years, based on cost reports submitted for one or two fiscal years before the rebased rates go into effect.

Your Committees further find that the basic prospective payment system rates in effect for eight years are increasingly insufficient to cover the costs of providing services to the residents of intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities and to compensate the caretakers and others who assist residents at a competitive fair wage. Rebasing the basic prospective payment system rate on a more frequent basis and ensuring a fair annual inflation adjustment would more fairly and accurately represent the cost of services provided in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 104 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services and Housing,



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



JOSH GREEN, Chair

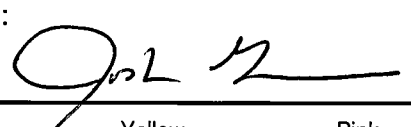


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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div>				
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